

Overview of Federal Rural Health Grants

Programs administered by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. Applicants are required to notify the State Office of Rural Health of their intent to apply. Applicants may not apply to more than one of these three grant programs in the same year.

Contact: **Idaho State Office of Rural Health** at 208-334-0669 or ruralhealth@idhw.state.id.us

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANT

Deadline: September 8, 2005

Network Development Planning Grants provide support to rural entities that need assistance in the development of a formal health care network and that do not have a significant history of collaboration. The network must consist of at least three separately owned health care providers in rural areas.

- These formative networks are not sufficiently evolved to apply for a three year RHND implementation grant and do not have a formalized structure. The grant program supports one year of planning to develop and help health care networks become operational.
- Individual grant awards are limited to between \$25,000 and \$85,000 for one year. The approximate amount of funding available is \$1,000,000. Ten to twelve new awards are anticipated this funding cycle.
- Applicants must be a rural or nonprofit public entity located in a designated rural county or within a rural zip code within an urban county. Eligible applicants also include organizations that provide services exclusively to migrant and seasonal farm workers (*Refer to Section 330G of the Public Health Service Act*) in rural areas and Tribal Government or Tribal Organizations that provides services on reservations or federally recognized Tribal service areas.

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Deadline: September 26, 2005

Rural Health Network Development Grants (RHND) are designed for organizations that wish to further ongoing collaborative relationships among health care organizations to integrate systems of care administratively, clinically, financially, and technologically.

- The purpose of this program is to achieve efficiencies, expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services, and strengthen the rural healthcare system.
- Individual grant awards are limited to a maximum of \$180,000 (direct and indirect costs) per year, or \$540,000 over three years. Eight new awards are anticipated this funding cycle. Funds may not be used for the direct delivery of services.
- Applicants will be offered technical assistance, including evaluation and consultation on business and management skills at no additional cost.
- Applicant organizations must be public or nonprofit health care providers located in a rural area and must consist of at least three participating network members in order to be eligible. Eligible applicants also include organizations that provide services exclusively to migrant and seasonal farm workers in rural areas and Tribal Government or Tribal Organizations that provides services on reservations or federally recognized Tribal service areas.

OUTREACH GRANT

Deadline: September 23, 2005

Rural Health Outreach Grants support the direct delivery of health care and related services, to expand existing services, or enhance health service delivery through education, promotion and prevention programs.

- This program's emphasis is on the actual delivery of specific services, through creative strategies requiring the grantee to form a consortium with at least two additional partners, rather than the integration of functions.
- Applicants organizational headquarters must be a rural public or nonprofit private entity located in a designated rural county or a rural zip code within a metropolitan county. Eligible applicants also include organizations that provide services exclusively to migrant and seasonal farm workers (*Refer to Section 330G of the Public Health Service Act*) in rural areas and Tribal Government or Tribal Organizations that provides services on reservations or federally recognized Tribal service areas.
- Individual grant awards will be limited to a total amount of direct and indirect costs of \$150,000 in the first budget period, \$125,000 in the second budget period and \$100,000 for the third budget period. Up to sixty new awards are anticipated for this funding cycle.